GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:359
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
INDIAN RAILWAY CORPORATE PLAN
RAM CHANDRA DOME

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railway Corporate Plan (1985-2000) hadenvisaged the growth rate of 6 percent per annum in the suburban traffic, while the growth rate was in the range of 1.02 percent to 3.07 percent during the period of review;

(b) whether the suburban services were far less than the demand on Central and Western Railways in Mumbai;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to augment the suburban rail services?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 359 ASKED BY DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2001 REGARDING INDIAN RAILWAY CORPORATE PLAN

(a) Corporate Plan 1985-2000 had envisaged a growth rate of 6% per annum in the suburban traffic. Actual Growth rate of suburban traffic during the period was 5% in suburban Passenger Kilometers and 3% in Passengers originating.

(b) Demand of suburban services in Mumbai is more than the level of services offered by the suburban rail transport system.

(c) Constraints of line capacity as well as non- availability of rolling stock are the main reasons for the inability of the Railways to meet the demand of suburban services in full.

(d) In order to streamline the provision of additional infrastructure for improvement in the suburban rail transport system in Mumbai, a corporation called MRVC (MumbaiRail Vikas Corporation) has been set up jointlyby the Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharastra. MRVC willexecute the projects identified under the rail component in MUTP (Mumbai Urban Transport Project).These projects are likely to significantly improve the suburban services.